# FY 2022 Intensive Long-term Support Announcement of Funding (AOF) – Submitted Questions & Responses 11/04/2021

# Question 1 and Question 2 share the same response.

#### **Question 1**

Can the funds be used to purchase or renovate an existing property (two buildings located at an ideal location) own by the grantee and already licensed by the TDMHSAS as an intensive outpatient services office and expand into an ILS facility?

#### **Question 2**

Will the State consider funding proposals that create additional beds to an existing ILS facility?

➤ With this grant opportunity, the TDMHSAS anticipates funding 1-2 projects to create a total of 20-25 new Intensive Long-Term Support beds. Proposals that include projects to purchase or renovate an existing property to create new beds can be considered eligible for review. Please reference Section 1, item 1.1.2. in the Announcement of Funding for more detailed information on infrastructural eligibility costs.

## **Question 3**

Does the TDMHSAS offer any assistance/guidance on any part of the proposal?

The Intensive Long-Term Support Announcement of Funding (AOF) is posted at <a href="https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/department-funding-opportunities.html">https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/department-funding-opportunities.html</a>. The AOF provides a detailed description of the objectives, purpose, requirements, and application process for this funding announcement. The TDMHSAS hosts a conference call to respond to questions AND/OR TDMHSAS issues written responses to questions posted on the State's website at https://www.tn.gov/behavioralhealth/department-funding-opportunities.html.

There are also Regional Housing Facilitators who work "hands on" in collaboration with grassroots community task forces in each of the seven statewide Mental Health Planning and Policy Council regions to create and

develop safe, affordable, quality, permanent housing options for persons diagnosed with a mental illness or co-occurring disorder. To find out who the Regional Housing Facilitator is in your area and their contact information, visit <a href="https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/housing/creating-homes-initiative.html">www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/housing/creating-homes-initiative.html</a>.

## **Question 4**

Will the State considerer funding proposals that are lower than 20 beds?

➤ With this grant opportunity, the TDMHSAS anticipates funding 1-2 projects to create a total of 20-25 new Intensive Long-Term Support beds to affect discharges from Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute.

#### **Question 5**

Will the State consider funding one proposal that create both an expansion of beds at an ILS facility and a separate/additional ILS at a different location?

The expansion of the current ILS facility and the newly created ILS facility should create a total of 20-25 new ILS beds. The submitted proposal should be clear in the description of the project design within the proposal narrative. It would be at the discretion of the proposer if one or two separate proposals would be submitted for this type of project design.

#### **Ouestion 6**

The announcement states that the maximum funds available for annual operations is estimated at \$1,000,000. Is this the total amount of funding available that the State will distribute?

Yes, \$1,000,000 is the estimated maximum funding amount available for recurring operational costs to serve 20-25 residents at the new ILS residential site(s) created as a result of this grant opportunity.

#### **Question 7**

In A.4.a., The scopes indicate that discharges from CSUs would be appropriate? Is that accurate?

Yes, this ILS grant project allows referrals from Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs). It is important to note, priority is to be given to those who are discharging from the Regional Mental Health Institutes, then equally to service recipients being discharged from one of the CSUs or statecontracted psychiatric hospitals. For more detailed information regarding service recipients, please reference Section A.4. in the Announcement of Funding.

#### **Question 8**

The proposals are due November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Is there a time, central/eastern time zone?

Proposals submitted by no later than 11:59pm CST on November 22,
 2021 will be accepted by the State.

## **Question 9**

The Announcement of Funding document indicates the ILS grant funding is for East Tennessee service recipients – does that mean the housing facility must be in East Tennessee, or can it be anywhere?

➤ The purpose of the FY 2022 Intensive Long-term Support grant AOF is to serve individuals discharging from Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute (MBMHI), which is located in Hamilton county and the TDMHSAS Planning and Policy Region 3. To help ensure continuity of care for eligible individuals discharging from MBMHI to the ILS program, TDMHSAS encourages proposals to include projects within reasonable proximity to MBMHI. While the AOF does not specify a required location where the ILS residential facility should be established, TDMHSAS intends to fund a project that creates an ILS residential setting and service delivery structure that ensures a smooth transition to community living with enhanced-level support for service recipients.